

TRANSPORTATION POOLED FUND PROGRAM QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

Lead Agency (FHWA or State DOT): IOWA DOT

INSTRUCTIONS:

Project Managers and/or research project investigators should complete a quarterly progress report for each calendar quarter during which the projects are active. Please provide a project schedule status of the research activities tied to each task that is defined in the proposal; a percentage completion of each task; a concise discussion (2 or 3 sentences) of the current status, including accomplishments and problems encountered, if any. List all tasks, even if no work was done during this period.

Transportation Pooled Fund Program Project # TPF-5(366)	Transportation Pooled Fund Program - Report Period: Quarter 1 (January 1 – March 31, 2020) Quarter 2 (April 1 – June 30, 2020) Quarter 3 (July 1 – September 30, 2020) X Quarter 4 (October 4 – December 31, 2020)	
Project Title: Development of a Design Guide for the Structural Design of Ultra High Performance Concrete		
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Lead Agency Project ID:	Other Project ID (i.e., contract #): Addendum 618	Project Start Date: 6/15/17
Original Project End Date: 5/31/18	Project End Date: 11/30/2020	Number of Extensions: Pooled fund project – yearly budgets

On schedule
 On revised schedule
 Ahead of schedule
 Behind schedule

Overall Project Statistics:

Total Project Budget	Total Cost to Date for Project	Total Percentage of Work Completed
\$179,213	\$115,994.96	65%

Quarterly Project Statistics:

Total Project Expenses This Quarter	Total Amount of Funds Expended This Quarter	Percentage of Work Completed This Quarter
\$6314.96		5%

Project Description: Ultra-High Performance Concrete (UHPC) has been recognized as a choice of material for mitigating bridge infrastructure challenges as well as to introduce innovative construction projects. In recent years, the use of UHPC has gained momentum in bridge projects across the country. However, formal structural design guidance for this material does not exist in North America, and therefore a comprehensive effort is required to formulate recommended design guidance so that the application of this material can be broadened.

The overall objective of this study is to facilitate advancement in the state-of-the-practice for UHPC in the US highway sector, which will include development of a design and construction guide specification. These advancements will also focus on other critical needs that are currently hindering the wider use of UHPC

A Steering Committee will be formed for this Pooled Fund Project. This Steering Committee can include contributing entities and will be led by the host State. The tasks are:

1. Coordinate meetings amongst committee members with the goal of study execution and information dissemination.
2. Provide guidance on national level advancement efforts.
3. Develop and prioritize research needs statements.
4. Develop, verify, and/or standardize test methods for assessment of UHPC material properties.
5. Complete structural performance-related research as necessary to develop greater knowledge of structural behavior.
6. Complete construction-related research as necessary to develop greater understanding of optimal construction processes.
7. Coordinate, share, and advance existing special provisions for the use of UHPC in highway construction projects.

Progress this Quarter (includes meetings, work plan status, contract status, significant progress, etc.):

Progress This Quarter:

Test data from four participating labs were received. The last two sets of specimens are being prepared for shipping to two additional labs. Out of these two remaining labs, one has accepted to participate, whereas the other lab is currently in discussion. Test data obtained from the first four laboratories along with the concerns/ challenges of the testing procedure, were summarized and presented to the Project Advisory Panel. Statistical analysis of the test results is being performed.

Anticipated work next quarter:

Availability of testing machines in the participating labs continues to delay further tests, which is caused by the limited availability of labs due to COVID'19 restrictions and the recent holiday season. Testing of all the specimens and analysis of the test data is planned to be completed during the next quarter.

Significant Results:

Issues/concerns faced when identifying the labs and testing of the samples at different locations were shared with the Advisory Panel. Recommendation to reduce the gripping pressure and to use of clamps to avoid failure of the specimen outside the gauge length has also been shared. Test data of the specimens with localized crack developed within the gauge region is being analyzed. The statistical analysis of the data from the completed tests shows that a satisfactory representation of the tension behavior of the UHPC.